

## Message Text

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FM AMCONGEN PORT MORESBY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 024

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

UNCLAS PORT MORESBY 044

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DATE FOR PNG

CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE EXPECTS PNG TO BECOME INDEPENDENT WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE ENACTMENT OF A CONSTITUTION. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS HE EXPECTS TO INTRODUCE THE CONSTITUTION BILL IN THE SEPTEMBER BUDGET SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND HOPES IT WILL BE PASSED IN NOVEMBER. SOMARE EXPECTS THAT TWO MONTHS PREPARATION WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE FORMAL CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE.  
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